will diligently and faithfully, to the best of his skill and judgment, perform the duties of a commissioner of said town without favor, partiality or prejudice, and a certificate of such qualification shall be made by the said justice of the peace, and shall be filed and recorded among the records of proceedings of said commissioners.

1882, ch. 335.

245. The said commissioners shall meet once in each month, and more often if they think proper, and a majority shall constitute a board for the transaction of business; at their first meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, they shall elect one of their number president, who shall preside at the meetings of the board, give directions to the clerk and bailiff under instructions from the commissioners, and superintend such improvements of the town as may be ordered by the board; and each of said commissioners shall receive the sum of fifteen dollars per annum for his services, and no more.

1878, ch 443.

246. They may appoint a clerk and prescribe his duties and salary; the said clerk shall keep a book or record of their proceedings and ordinances, which shall be open at all times to the inspection of any person interested; and the said clerk shall make out and furnish the collector, once in every year, a list of taxes for collection.

1882, ch. 335.

247. They may pass ordinances to preserve the health of the town; to prevent and remove nuisances; to prevent, restrain and regulate the running at large of horses, cattle, swine and geese, within the limits of said town; to prohibit the firing of guns and pistols, or the shooting of fire-crackers within said town; to prohibit and disperse the tumultuous or disorderly meetings of idle, dissolute or drunken persons; to provide for working and mending the public streets; to open, close, alter and widen the streets, lanes and alleys; to provide for the paving of the side-walks and gutters; for the regulation, good government and improvement of said town; and they may enforce the observance thereof under such penalties, fines and forfeitures as they shall deem proper, not exceeding ten dollars for any one offence; and all such penalties, fines and forfeitures may be recovered before a justice of the